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Mail Stop RCE**REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000 provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number: 09/933,992

Filing Date: August 21, 2001

First Named Inventor: David Seidler

Group Art Unit: 3727

Examiner: R. Hylton

Attorney Docket Number: 9007.0002

Attorney Customer Number: 22,852

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See "Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice," Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (March 20, 2000). Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (April 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:** **Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise.** If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, application must request non-entry of such amendment.

a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

- i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief of Reply Brief previously filed on [Date] _____.
- ii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed:

- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement
- iv. ☒ Other English Translation of EP 0 178 504

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-mentioned application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of [number] months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

- a. ☒ The filing fee is calculated as follows:
- i. ☒ \$770.00 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Petition for extension of time fee (three Months) \$950.00
- iii. ☒ Other \$430.00 independent claim fee and \$1,512.00 total claim fee
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$3,662.00 is enclosed.
- c. ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in the filing fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Signature of Applicant, Attorney, or Agent Required

Name: Anthony M. Gutowski

Reg. No.: 38,742

Signature:

Date: March 22, 2004

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In re Application of:) MAIL STOP AF
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Application No.: 09/933,992) Group Art Unit: 3727
Filed: August 21, 2001) Examiner: Robin A. Hylton
For: VIRTUAL HINGE)

Commissioner for Patents
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed is an Amendment After Final responsive to the Office Action of September 23, 2003.

Also enclosed are a Petition for a three-month extension of time, a Request for Continued Examination, an Information Disclosure Statement, and a Form PTO 1449.


The claims are calculated below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	117	-	33	84	x \$ 18	\$ 1,512.00
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Subtotal						\$ 1,942.00
Reduction by ½ if small entity						- 0.00
TOTAL						\$ 1,942.00

A check for \$ 3,662.00 to cover \$770.00 RCE filing fee, \$950.00 three-month extension of time fee, and \$1,942.00 additional claims fee is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Dated: March 22, 2004

By: 
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